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Arizona Administrators Are Among First In Country to Earn National Certification

In June, twelve Arizona adult education program managers completed the two-year Leadership Excellence Academies (LEA) to earn national certification in *CMPI (Certified Manager in Program Improvement)* for adult education. They are the first group in the country to be eligible for this certification.

LEA is a professional learning initiative for Arizona's adult education program administrators to explore, adapt and apply leadership concepts and skills to help improve their adult education program. Arizona was selected as one of three states, along with New York and Maryland, to participate in the LEA pilot project in 2006-2007. Adult Education Services (ADE) has sponsored two cohorts of LEA participants to date and will sponsor a third cohort training beginning in the fall of 2008.

Accolades go to: **Connie Armstrong** – Rio Salado College ABE, **Rhonda Boales** – Pinal County Secure Care, **Lily Beth Brazones** – Rio Salado College ABE, **Jeff Hall** – Rio Salado College ABE, **Blair Liddicoat** – Rio Salado College ABE, **Jim Lively** – Cochise College Adult Education, **Tina Luffman** – Yavapai College, **Lynn Reed** – Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, **Vanda Salls** – Tempe Union High School District Adult Education, **Regina Suitt** – Pima College Adult Education, **Barbara Sutton** – Yuma Reading Council, and **Deborah Tinajero** – Pima County Adult Probation.